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PARIS FOR DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR JOHN WARNER

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR, TU, US  
SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON YUCELER VISIT: U. S. DOES NOT ACCEPT  
OPIUM CAPSULE PROPOSAL

REF: STATE 208824 (NOTAL)

1. IN A BRIEF STORY CARRIED ON AN INSIDE PAGE ON  
AUGUST 21, DAILY TERCUMAN'S WASHINGTON BUREAU  
REPORTED MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE YUCELER'S COMMENTS  
ON RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH U.S. OFFICIALS.  
YUCELER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: "WE PROPOSED THAT, UNTIL  
THE ALKOLOID PLANT REACHES FULL PRODUCTION, OPIUM  
CAPSULES THAT WE HAVE ACCUMULATED BE PURCHASED BY THE  
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. THEY (U.S. OFFICIALS) INDICATED  
THAT THIS MATTER IS IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE FIRMS, AND  
THAT, FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY  
OF THE GOVERNMENT ENGAGING IN THE OPIUM TRADE."

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2. REPORT ALSO MENTIONED DISCUSSIONS WITH PETER  
BENSINGER, IDENTIFIED AS THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE  
NARCOTICS OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. IT WAS REPORTED  
THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS DWELLED ON  
IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY AT  
A CERTAIN LEVEL, WITH RESPECT TO POPPY SOWING AND

CULTIVATION.

3. COMMENT: IMPACT OF THIS STORY LIKELY TO BE MINIMAL.  
ON THE WHOLE, STORY'S TONE IS FACTUAL AND NOT UNFAVORABLE  
TO U.S. ITS NEGATIVE ASPECT REFLECTS COMMON TURKISH  
MISCONCEPTION THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS ENGAGE IN COMMERCE  
TO EXTENT THEIRS DOES. END COMMENT.  
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